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Unsettled Times in Yunnan

Three months ago we arrived in Mong Mong after three and a half interesting weeks of following the road through Burma, the unadministered Wa States, and China. We visited both Lahu and Wa villages along the way, and took a few detours to include other villages. Once, we ventured into a section that borders on headhunting territory; but the Christians sent us a large armed escort, and though we saw many ominous looking head-hunters those days, none offered to do us any harm. That trip was a great experience, and we hope our visits brought encouragement and strength to the village churches.

Before the sun had sunk behind our western ridge of mountains on that first day in Mong Mong, we had learned that all was not quiet in our little section of the Orient. In the mountains which loom just beyond the backyard of the mission compound (Shan Kai Shin), a large band of robbers had taken refuge, and was threatening to do much damage to the section. A little farther away, three or four days' journey in the direction of Bana, the Chinese and wild Was were in the midst of a heated conflict.

As the weeks passed by, the robbers in Shan Kai Shin increased in numbers and boldness. Many of our Lahu Christians suffered severe loss at their hands. The Chinese ruler deserted the section for a safer abode with the Magistrate of Na Sai, and apparently nothing was being done to arrest the growing power of the outlaws. Then, one day, there came a band of about two hundred and seventy robbers not to the mission compound, thank God, but to the town of Mong Mong, which is only a ten-minute walk away. We could hear the shots and see the smoke from the firing of their guns. We could see frightened people running to and fro; and we received reports of what was going on from people who were running away from the city, and from others who were hiding in the jungles near-by. The robbers forced their way into the homes, tearing up the mud floors to look for hidden treasure, and carrying off or destroying everything of value. Several had been killed and some had been wounded, for the robbers did not hesitate to shoot if opposition was offered. About noon that day, the robbers left the town, but for several days the country-side was in constant dread, fearing their return. Twice we thought the robbers were on their way to the mission compound, but both times the reports proved to be only false alarms.

The pillaging of Mong Mong was apparently a great success for the robber band, but in truth it was the beginning of their downfall. That act aroused the Shans and Chinese, and led them to join forces with the hill people in a united effort to destroy their common enemy. After several weeks of fighting, the robber band was badly broken up and a large number had been seized and executed. People lost that ominous feeling of dread, and no longer felt the sickening thump of a fearful heart at the sound of a gun shot.

The Chinese and wild Wa conflict has abated considerably too, but we have only the rainy season to thank for that. We are told that the Chinese are importing arms and amunition for the purpose of giving the Was a real thrashing as soon as the rains are over. That will make touring difficult and travel dangerous in some parts of our field. Somehow, we do not feel very enthusiastic about the prospect, but the Was deserve punishment. They are a wild and dangerous people, and their practice of head-hunting brings tragedy to many villages. Just yesterday, two men came to tell us of a terrible thing which the Was had done. A group of them attacked the chieftain's house in one of our Christian villages, took four heads, killed another person, and set fire to the building. The other villagers, seeing the fire and not knowing the Was were there, came running with bamboo cups of water to put out the fire instead of bringing their guns. In the confusion that followed, the Was wounded nine other people and carried off a two-year-old baby girl. Some of the wounds received were terrible, and no one had any medicine or knew how to do anything for them. The teacher stationed near there was called, but as he was about as helpless as the rest, two men were sent to us to relate the sad tale and to ask us for medicine.

At present, we are fighting an enemy right on this compound which is the most insidious of all —the malaria mosquito. We are always on the defensive, and sometimes it seems that the enemy is too strong for us even though we have quinine for an ally. Anopheles mosquitoes are legion here, and our school boys are being continually innoculated with malarial germs. Always somebody is sick, and usually many are sick.

This has been a rather sad recital, but there are happier aspects. We have both been remarkably well, enjoy our work, and believe that at least a few worth while things are being accomplished for the Kingdom of God in this part of China. Mrs. Vincent Young.

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Kutkai, a New Station

In these days of cuts and retrenchments it is rather a pleasant change to acquire new land for and to see visions of a brand new mission station. It is now more than a year since we decided with the brethren in Kutkai that we should build a fairly good church edifice in Kutkai as this town has now become the natural center for our Kachin work. In the last few years, Kachins by the hundreds have turned to Christ. With the new church building in view, and vision of a new mission station in the not-too-remote future, we asked for a plot of land last year and were waiting for a favourable reply when, at the Kachin Convention, Mr. Geis surprised us all by proposing to build the new Kachin Bible School in Kutkai. Thus the problem of building a new station was solved. Of course, this new offer was enthusiastically accepted and it was decided to proceed at once with the erection of the buildings.

Thus a larger plot of ground was applied for and, during the month of July, I was informed that the lease was granted by the Sawbwa of Hsenwi. As soon as I could manage to get ready, I started for Kutkai in order to make preparations for the new mission bungalow. The land acquired was overgrown with jungle which had to be cut in order to get a proper idea of the shape of the land. It certainly was the most interesting piece of work I have ever undertaken, this, to walk about over the new wild land and to try to look ahead as far as possible into the future and to visualize the new buildings and to pick the proper location for the same.

Last year, when we talked about building a new church in Kutkai, the Kachins gave me half a promise that they would come and help with the grading and other work. So I sent out word to near-by Christians and asked if they now could donate some labour. I was pleasantly surprised to see the spontaneous response. Each Christian family volunteered to send one person; this in spite of the fact that at this time of the year the Kachins are very busy in their highland paddy fields. But they came, and came gladly, from twelve to fifteen in each group. Thus each company worked for two solid days from early morning to sundown. The Shans in Kutkai were amazed at the way those Kachins worked and thought that they must be very well paid for putting in such full and hard days of labour. When the Shans asked how large their wages were they could hardly believe their own ears when the Kachins told them that they were giving their work as a thank-offering to God.

Thus for about two weeks we cut the jungle, did a lot of grading for the new mission bungalow and other houses, and cut a new road.

This new station will not be merely something that the "foreigners" came and put up; the Kachins have put some of their life and sweat into it and they will feel it is theirs. I was pleased to notice the interest they took in everything and how they looked and tried to understand the roughly made drawings of the new bungalow and church. When each group had finished their allotted two days of work, they said of their own accord, "Now, later on, when there is more work to be done we will be ready to come and help some more."

We intend to make all the major buildings of uncut stone slabs. Thus stones are already being quarried and hauled and the lumber is being cut.

Gustaf A. Sword.

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Mandalay — Burman

On Wednesday night, the 20th September, there was a meeting of the Mandalay Local Committee at which time the consideration was given of the men who had responded to the call for a worker for the Mandalay field. There were several very good men who applied for the position and it was rather difficult to decide between them. However, the vote finally fell to Maung Chit Min of Pyu. Maung Chit Min has passed his tenth standard and studied for three years at Judson College, Rangoon. While in the College, he went out on preaching trips with the students and members of the staff and was otherwise active in the religious life of the college. His wife has had several years experience in running a vernacular village school of the primary grade and is very much interested in this new project. They seem to be exceptionally well fitted for the post. The committee decided to write to them and ask them to come by the 1st November if possible and will place them at Aungbingle village where is located the Judson Memorial Chapel. Just at present, due to earthquakes, the south end of the chapel is in serious danger of falling down,

but with the coming of these workers, we are hoping and praying that the means will be forthcoming to put the chapel in shape, since it is hoped that we will again be able to open the little vernacular school out there. The furniture for the school is all there. It is a pity that we have had to drop the school all these years. Lately, Miss Reifsneider has been able to hold two Vacation Bible Schools at Aungbingle, one last hot season and one the season previous, and the children come running to me every time I enter the village and some of them ask if we are going to open the school again. The headman of the village is particularly friendly and just at present the phongyi school is not very active, and is far from attractive. U Maung Maung, who has been living there with his wife, Daw Hmi, all these years is too old now to do any work. We have had meetings there on and off, but nothing regular. Maung Maung and his wife have expressed their willingness to move to some other place. It is possible that they may go either to Myittha, or to Amarapura. We are therefore looking forward with great expectation to the prospect of new life for Aungbingle. Pray with us that God may direct and lead this new enterprise to the building up of the Kingdom of God in that place and to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ for whose sake Dr. Judson suffered so much on that spot thus made sacred by his life and consecration. H. E. Hinton.

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Community Work in Mandalay

Activities in the many-cornered little chapel which has stood at the intersection of roads in North Mandalay since the close of the last century have grown so many that most of the first floor of the mission house is being used to meet the overflow needs. The north room has become a second school room. The office has been moved into the dining room. One of the verandas serves as a good place to play skittles for the older boys when they return from work in the evening. The past living room has become the present prayer room.

Since 1927, application has been made to the municipal school committee for a second teacher for the vernacular school. She was granted to us from 1st June. Needless to say, we have been very thankful for her. A flock of Blue-birds has been organized with fourteen enrolled and eight others just about ready for enrolment. The Blue-birds are proving as valuable in vernacular as in Anglo-vernacular schools. Our leader has translated a number of the songs into Burmese. Kelly High School is lending us leaders for organizing Wolf-cubs among the boys. And the boys are just as thrilled with the idea of having Wolf-cubs as the girls have been with Blue-birds.

Playground activities continue to be popular. Through the kindness of a Karen friend who purchased for us a plot of ground adjoining our land, the playground has been enlarged. And we shall be glad when other friends follow her example by buying us the several other remaining plots of ground which are wedged in between what we now have, in order to make the compound a true rectangle.

Our nurse is kept busier and busier. Many days she gives more than fifty treatments. We want her to go with us to the villages but the local needs are so great that she is seldom able to go. The community seems to have awakened to the Christian activities in their midst. And they come continually more and more to our corner. Their friendliness and interest and confidence in us is evidenced by the many small gifts of fruits and eggs and flowers and plants which come to us, besides their friendly visits. And all this is from a Buddhist community.

The community Sunday-school has required a re-division of the smallest children. We now have five classes which march after the opening exercises to their class "rooms" in various parts of the compound. There are two outside Sunday-schools. One is in the military lines. The Community Sunday-school pays the gharry hire spent to go to this place. The second outside school is at Aungbinle, and meets every other week. It is a continuation of the Vacation Bible School conducted there in May.

During the hot season, a Burman friend from Maubin, working in Mandalay, made us a book box to fasten on the rear of the motor car after the pattern of Mr. B. M. Jones' box. This has proved very popular and useful in getting Christian literature into the hands of the people. During August and September, books to the value of over Rupees 100 were sold. In the Fort, the Christian soldiers have given order after order, mostly for hymn books and Bibles. Not long ago, after receiving an order of Chin hymn books from the Mission Press, when we had sold them, we heard, while sitting by the roadside making other sales, some Chins singing from their hymn books for more than an hour. Thursday is their free day, so that is the day that the book shop is open to them. Books of all languages, Chin, Kachin, Karen, Burmese, Lisu, are asked for.

Several new people are receiving Bible instruction in weekly lessons, and we are praying much for definite decisions for Christ from among these. We have visited some new villages to the north and found receptive audiences. Now that field work is finished in the villages until harvest time, we plan to do much village work during the coming two months.

The first of September the Mandalay Church welcomed, as her pastor, U Tha Din who has been working with Dr. McGuire on the revision of the Bible. We are praying much and trying to use the opportunities which come that the Church fellowship may grow richer and deeper in His Spirit. There is nothing for which I personally long more than this. And God has promised, and His promises never fail. Marian H. Reifsneider.

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Wanted

Christian Endeavour Photographs!

The following letter has been received and since I do not have much of any material myself, I thought best to ask through the NEWS for any contributions that others could make. In a lecture such as is contemplated, Burma certainly should be represented. If, therefore, you have any snapshots or photographs that you can let me have I shall be very grateful. The writer of the letter is probably not aware of the variety of races in the Burma C. E. Union and I am certain that her use of the word "Burmese" should be used in its *broadest sense to include all races of Burma.* If you have any pictures that you can spare send them along. If you have only a negative and wish that returned, please say so in your letter to me and I will have a copy of the negative made and return the original.

"We are preparing a Lantern Lecture in London on C. E., and wish to include as many parts of the world as possible. Our aim is to show Endeavourers of the world at work, and we require photographs of this description, which we could have made into slides.

"Can you obtain and send to me any photographs of Burmese Endeavourers which you think would be useful to us for this purpose? I should be exceedingly grateful for your help in this matter.

"If you are able to send me any photographs, would you also include a short description of the same? Hoping to hear from you,

Yours sincerely,
Ada E. Ashlin,
Secretary of the Extension Division."

Thanks very much for your immediate co-operation.

Sincerely yours,
H. E. Hinton.

Preparations for Convention at Pyinmana

We had the unusual experience this month of hearing a British Muslim missionary from London preach at Pyinmana. His subject was "Ecstacies of the Gospel of Felicity." He did not show signs of great felicity as he haltingly read most of his typed speech and his face did not seem to indicate much joy although speaking of ecstacies. But it threw light on modern tendencies of other religions to imitate Christian missions.

Last month we baptized three Burmans at Lewe. One was a man by the name of Ko On Sein who has had a striking change of life. He used to be a notorious opium smuggler. He bore the marks of his old life in great cuts across his head and shoulders where he had been slashed with a knife. A year ago, while in jail, he decided he was going to give up the old life of the past forty-seven years and give the remaining years to Christ. As soon as he was out of jail, he came to Pyinmana and told me his story of repentance. He went back to his village and studied the Bible and identified himself with the local Christians. Everywhere he went, he told his friends of his new life and new faith. We waited to see if what he said was really true. He brought me the old license he had for buying opium and said he was done with it. He brought his son to be a student in the Agricultural School. All his friends declared there had been a great change in his life and wondered how it could be. We believed the Lord had brought about a change and is using him to be a great blessing to the whole surrounding community. He with his son and another man from a near-by village who was baptized are active Christian laymen leading the way in rural reconstruction in their villages, and are full of joy in doing it.

The village scouts have been active and are happy with the vegetables being picked from their little home gardens. The parents are pleased to see something to eat coming along. When the boys were asked what good turns they had done, one had helped pound rice for a neighbor, one had driven out some cattle from a rice field, and another had helped a neighbor plant a garden. After being taught the Scout Law of being truthful, we started to play a game. As usual some began to cheat. When reminded that a Scout must be truthful, it was interesting to see how they stopped cheating and put themselves out of the game when their turn came to go out. The elders seemed to wonder why an intelligent person should spend time with the youngsters, but I find them the most responsive to the teaching of improvements.

The rains were good the past month and favorable for paddy planting on our farm. A good crop of over 120,000 ears of maize has been harvested. The sugar cane is climbing high. The heavy rain damaged the sesamum and soy beans, but farmers must learn to plan so that any weather will be good for some crop.

We are now all ready for the first All Burma Baptist Convention at Pyinmana. A great thatch-roofed building with bamboo floor, 200 feet long and 150 feet wide, has been put up on the Agricultural School grounds to provide sleeping quarters for 1000 men. At another place three large buildings provide space for feeding a thousand people at a time. Mr. Cummings' pigs have combed their hair and washed the mud off their feet and the chickens have made and put on new dresses for the occasion. We all have our faces washed and wear a welcome smile and our tables are loaded with good things to eat. The local Christians are all happy because each one has a job. There is nothing in Burma like a

festival to bring out the latent energies and graces of our Christians.

Immediately following the Convention, the Workers Institute will take place from October 9 to 18. We have a program full of good things prepared. Miss Reifsneider will teach the Bible Class. The Rural Reconstruction experiences for each day will have leaders with something worth while to report. We plan for everybody to bring something to contribute and everybody to take much away. We expect more than the usual number to be with us. Don't you wish you all could come and stay through with us?

Brayton C. Case.

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Toungoo

Last April, work was opened in a village not far from Oktwin. A vacation school was started, but the headman specified that there should be no Bible teaching. We agreed that we would not compel any of the children to attend Bible teaching where there was any contrary desire on the part of the parents. However, though there was no teaching in the vacation school, people came to the house where the workers were living and asked about the Christian belief.

The last Sunday of September, four men came from this village and asked for baptism. Two of them had been noted as bad characters and told in their testimony that they had gambled and loved to drink palm toddy. One of them said that he had a very bad temper. They said that after giving their hearts to Christ the desire for drink had gone and they no longer cared for gambling. The one with the bad temper said that his family thought that something was the matter with him and that he was not just right mentally. Perhaps folks will find out in this village that one is more right when he has the spirit of patience than when he gives way to terrible spells of passion. There are two more from this village who say that they have accepted Christ and want to be baptized a little later when it is possible for them to do so. With the two Christian workers in the village, we now have a little band of eleven believers. Much to my surprize, the two who had the most to be saved from told that they had believed for ten years. Interpreted it meant that they had heard the preaching that long ago when we visited their village and preached to them and had believed we told the truth but only now came out into full surrender. Of twenty black listed villages in this sub-division, this village topped the list as being a bad village.

The Sunday before that, we baptized two in another village ten miles to the north of Toungoo where also a Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted by the pastor and some of the teachers last April. Others are thinking deeply and we hope for further results there also. At the time of baptizing these people, the headman of another village came to the service and asked that we open a school in his village. He said they would have about forty children and that they would give the teacher her food and a basket of paddy and a full grown hen for each pupil. A trained teacher was not available, but a man who has had some years experience as a teacher in Kengtung was present and offered to go for four months, so we are hoping for results from that village also. The wife of a station master in a near-by station has asked for instruction and the wife of the assistant station master in the village where we baptized is thinking. Her husband is a Christian. I know you will rejoice with us in these opportunities and pray with us for the harvest.

Lewis B. Rogers.

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"Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee."

—*Deut. viii. 2.*

A Bit from Busy Bhamo

The end of the first four months of this year is in sight. It all seemed a muddle at first — the great number of people I had never met before, the strange names of the people, and the still stranger names of the villages, the money belonging to four places, which must be kept separate, even though I knew nothing about any of the places. Of course, Mr. Geis helped me, as did also Sara M. Robbin, the retired Deputy Inspector of Schools. I don't think I could have gotten along without them. I am now getting acquainted somewhat, but don't want to move again as yet, as there are still a few things I have not learned.

We have had some sickness, and were saddened by the very sudden death of one of the girls in the dormitory. We are happy, however, that we have found a cure for berri-berri. A complete change of diet to us means dried peas instead of rice, and vegetables, and then milk and bread and plantains twice a day, usually at recess time. This has cured all the cases we have had so far. I won't charge you for this prescription, but can recommend it.

I am hoping the Mission Press will renew its offer of sending the Burma News to any place in the world for one rupee a year. Had a letter by a late mail from Mrs. Darling, the Foreign Vice-president of the Northwest District which includes the State of the ten thousand lakes, Minnesota, and she says, "I just could not get along without it. I read it through almost invariably the very day it comes, and I certainly appreciate it tremendously." Another lady wrote that she appreciates it very much also.

Have gone to some village along the road every week, often going twice a week. I like this part of the work, as it brings us in contact with the great need. I can always get a car full of people eager to come along, who are also willing to do their bit in the singing and visiting and anything else that needs to be done on these trips. Have brought quite a few folks from the jungle to the hospital. Once a whole family came, and it was a tight squeeze to get everyone into the car. I decided to call my car "Andrew" because it is so helpful in this work, and has enabled us to do so many gracious deeds, which we could not have done without it.

When I went to Rangoon, my visits with Mrs. Money were full of pleasure and admiration for her cheerful, splendid spirit, and the wonderful way she had of giving joy to those who came to see her. She came to Burma with such high hopes of doing her share in the spread of the Kingdom of God, and she had plans of going to the jungle with me and seeing the things of which she had only read. She worked so hard, when at home, to gather things for the Christmas boxes she sent to us at Nyaunglebin for so many years, and she wanted to see the people about whom I had written. But God asked her to render another service. I shall miss her more than I can tell when I go to Rangoon. We were happy to have Mr. Money and Isabel with us for a few days, and to talk over old times and present times with them.

Frieda Peter.

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Pegu — Burman

Our people enjoyed a "Bible Institute" during the first ten days of September. The Methodist Mission joined with ours in putting it through, and workers and lay Christians came from Rangoon, Pyapon, Maubin, and other villages. Over forty people

were in attendance at the daily sessions, and the evening Evangelistic services were well attended.

Mr. Hanna had two classes daily, one on "The Prophets," especially in their relation to the coming of Our Lord, the other in psychology. Mr. Spear of the Methodist Mission, Pegu, had a period each day on "The Parable of Jesus." Also, Mr. Olmstead and U Tha Din were here for three or four days each. Dr. Htin Poh, Miss Stockwell, and several others also, gave good contributions for one or two sessions each. Altogether, those present felt that the time was well spent and of real value. We are glad we tried it.

Mary L. Parish.

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2 Park Ave.,
Wakefield Mass.

Again my address has been changed, and so I write that you may know where to send the Burma News. I can't tell you how much I enjoy the regular visits of the News. It brings my loved Burma and the many dear friends there very near to me. The last four years of my husband's life were given to evangelistic work all over Burma and so we visited many of the stations. Consequently I can now easily revisit them, in imagination, as I read about the work there, and my interest in it all grows with the years. I'd like to come out there and see it all personally again, but since that cannot be, I am glad indeed that I can pray for the work and the workers and this I rejoice to do daily. May God's richest blessing be with you all.

Emma L. Thomas.

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Pwo Institute at Bassein

To attend the Bassein Pwo Institute for Christian workers is a stimulating and encouraging experience. The total registration was one hundred and ninety-five, and the average daily attendance was in proportion. When I went to the Assembly Hall the first day for my opening class, and saw the great gathering, which nearly filled the long hall, I turned to Mr. Conrad, and said, "This isn't a class; it's a convention." The interest and attention shewn throughout every session for study, were marked.

This is now the second visit I have made to Bassein for the Pwo Institute there, and I have gained some vivid and definite impressions by thus becoming acquainted with many of the pastors and other leaders. One finds there an enthusiasm, an eager hopefulness, and a forward-looking attitude, which are fairly thrilling, especially when one considers the very real problems which the people on that field, as everywhere else, in this time of financial stress, are facing. But the most striking and pleasing feature in it all, I think, is the spirit of harmony among all, as they work together in fellowship and co-operation, for a yet greater ingathering than that of last year — in fact, for a greater advance than any in the past.

A. C. Hanna.

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Conference Elections

October 4, 1933.

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Karen Joint Committee:—A. J. Weeks.

Thonze — Burman

This has been a month of getting ready for the Bible Class, and teaching the Bible Class and now of thinking about the Bible Class. (Rather a Classy month.) All our workers were in but one who was kept away by the death of one of his people.

The first three days we united with the Tharrawaddy Karens. I gave them a course on "Missions" such as I used to give to the Bible Assemblies at home and used the same notes. In the six hours, we had a bird's-eye view of our ten mission fields. Then we took up two periods on a study of prayer, one on Baptism including, of course, repentance and regeneration, or John's Baptism, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and Christian Baptism.

Then we had a period of studying new movements including the Oxford Group Movement. Think we found out that all the good that is in it is as old as the New Testament — a re-emphasis. They decided that the absolutes needed another: Absolute Humility. The dangers of public confession of sins already forgiven and the danger of expecting a daily program of "hunches" from the Holy Spirit rather than His continued presence were condemned as unscriptural teaching. The atheist movement among the Ko Pai San Karens and the Social Service Movement among the Burmans were studied and guidance was sought in prayer.

The last two days at Thonze were spent in a study of Mission work in South America, and we got started on the first chapter of the Sermon on the Mount.

The different Christian families of Thonze each entertained the preachers for a meal each, at their homes and thus the burdens were made light for all. Each night they had from one to three prayer meetings in different sections and about all the homes were reached.

This was the best Bible Class we have ever had and it was marked from beginning to end with evident devotion and consecration to the Lord's work. We are asking for and hoping for and working for a great year.

J. T. Latta.

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The Special Week of Evangelistic Meetings at Baptist English High School

September 5 to 8, 1933

The perspective of this special week of meetings is the story of persistent work done, throughout the year, in the daily Bible Classes taught by the pastor of Immanuel Church. The fruitage is normal, expectant, and sound. The only pressure evident was the spiritual impact accumulative through constructive study and resolve on the part of the student. The atmosphere during this special week was most conducive to normal results, aided by the special prayer groups of both Staff and students. The expressed decisions are interesting from the makeup of racial groups as follows:—Forty accepted Christ as Saviour.

Anglo Indians	25
Burmans	5
Karens	6
Chinese	2
Indians	2
Total	40

Frank Ernest Eden.

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Dedicatory Service of the New Organ at Immanuel

A beautiful service of sacred music was given at Immanuel Baptist Church, Rangoon, on the occasion of the dedication of the new organ, 24th September, 1933. Special responses were used, and the hymn, "Lord Thou Hast Tuned the Thrush's Throat," by Rev. Frederick H. Sterne of Utica, N. Y. was sung by the congregation.

The pastor brought a brief message on "A Story of Mendelssohn and the Freiburg Organ." The new organ was manufactured by Moutrie of Shangai. It has been made possible through the funds raised by our former choir director, Dr. Merlin Kingsley and the choir from the production of the sacred cantata, "Queen Esther." F. E. Eden.

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Maubin — Pwo Karen

Pastor's class met from the 12th to the 22nd, from forty to seventy being in attendance. The average was above fifty and a majority were present throughout. Of the subjects, Rev. Hanna's "Psychology" created almost as much interest as S'ra Shwe Ba's "God's Miracles" in which course he traced the evidences of the Holy Spirit in men's lives and the life of the Church and Christian community. Thus dealing with the whole Biblical story, Old and New Testaments were drawn on.

The studies by Sra's Toe Khut and Shwe Dwa dealt with service and personal work. Most thorough was Miss Pound's documented study of "Christ's Methods of Soul Winning." Her painstaking text-reference in the hands of each pastor was a very helpful feature of the class.

In the brief time that Sayama Ma Hannah was with us, the women were able to gain real inspiration and concrete help beyond imagination. They joyously worked any and all the time that she could be with them.

The Pwo Conference in Bassein was well attended and representatives from all sides manifested a spirit of unity. It was an inspiration to be there. E. T. Fletcher.

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House at Kalaw

The Tilbe house in Kalaw will not be used by the Press missionaries during the coming hot season. Application for rental should be made to the A. B. M. Press.

A Note from Mission Headquarters

Dear Friends in Burma,

At least I hope I have a few friends left there! Judging from the letters I've been receiving this past week, I need to rush a few explanations to you or there won't be many left. I know that it is hard for most of you to understand why I have accepted the position of Acting Foreign Secretary when Miss Peterson needed me so badly.

The most decisive factor in my acceptance of this position was one of health. The Board in the present state of finance cannot be blamed for being even stricter than usual in the matter of the health of returning missionaries and they decided that I was not a good "risk." A second factor, and perhaps just as important, was the news that I was to go off salary May 1. Knowing the scarcity of jobs of any kind, I accepted the first one offered me. It seemed just providential to me that the opening came when it did for I had not been relishing the thought of joining the army of the unemployed.

It seemed, too, that this would be a good opportunity to convince not only the Medical Committee, but also the doctor and myself that I am really able to do a full day's work. Perhaps the comparison is hardly fair for my day here is not much like a day in Burma! My hours are much shorter, and I do not have to take problems home with me, while in Burma my day's work began when I woke up and ended only when I went to bed. If I do manage through the co-operation and prayers of my many friends to give satisfaction in this office this year and my health is good, I think the Board will be willing to consider my return to the field next year.

Whether the Board had approved or not, it would not be possible for me to return this fall for my mother was suddenly taken seriously ill the first of July. All things do work together for good and I am very thankful to be here, to have a salary and to be able to share with my sister in the care of mother.

Mother was visiting in Paterson, New Jersey, when she was taken ill and it has been impossible to take her home to Philadelphia. She is in the Paterson hospital and the doctors give us almost no hope of her recovery. Her trouble is the same as Dr. Halliday's was and it has been a great shock to all of us for she has always been so well. I cannot write more about it, but desire you to remember us in your prayers.

I am more sorry than any of you that Miss Peterson has had to be left alone, but, in the light of all that has happened, I am glad that I am right where I am.

At first I couldn't understand why I should not return to Burma and rebelled at being kept home, but all is plain now and I can praise God for His wisdom and goodness in keeping me here.

With a prayer that this will make matters clearer to you and that you may all realize that I am seeking to know and to do God's will and with much love,

Grace A. Maine.

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Condolence

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Miss Grace A. Maine whose mother passed away, August 19, in hospital at Paterson, N. J.

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Births

To Rev. and Mrs. Roger Cummings, on September 24, a son, Roger Wesley, at the Dufferin Hospital.

On September 30, at Namkham, to Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Seagrave, a son, John Howard.

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Language Examination

Mrs. Gordon Seagrave passed her Elementary Shan Examination on September 6, with great credit, and on September 7, her Intermediate Examination with credit.

H. C. Gibbens.

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On October 5, for America, *via* Singapore and the Far East, Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell Andrus and daughter.

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Judson College Chapel

The date for the dedication of this building has been set for the 12th of November, 1933, at which time it is expected that Dean Shailer Mathews, the Barrows Lecturer for this year, will be present and preach the sermon.

The formal service of dedication will take place at 10-30 a.m. In the evening at 6-30 p.m. there will be a service of sacred song, for which the College Choir is already in training under the leadership of Mrs. Rickard with Mr. J. Kan Gyi as organist and soloist.

The Board of Trustees and the Principal and Staff of the College will be pleased to have many, even all, of the missionaries and the leaders in the station churches present for this occasion. Will all who desire seats to be reserved for them count on getting their requests for reservation to Dean D. O. Smith, Judson College on or before the 1st day of November. It is likely that the accommodation will be strained.

In the evening no reservations will be made and so those who arrive early will be best accommodated.

In sending requests for reservations please give the names of all who wish reservations. It will not be possible to give assurances to any who delay their applications.

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The Barrows Lectureship Foundation

Arrangements are now being made in India and Burma for the VIIIth Series of Barrows Lectures. As you probably know, the Barrows Lectures are given periodically in the Orient, under the direction of the University of Chicago. They are delivered by well known lecturers of the West.

Several years ago, Dr. Gilkie, one of the lecturers, came to Rangoon and delivered a series of lectures under this Foundation. This year the lecturer is to be Dr. Shailer Mathews, a celebrated educationalist, Dean for many years of the University of Chicago Divinity School. The Burma Christian Council has been able to arrange for Dr. Mathews to speak in Rangoon from the 7th to 17th of November. Watch the newspapers for his programme.

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